

Allowing cash transfers from comptroller-managed funds outside the treasury

HB 3175 by Pitts (Bivins) and part of HB 2425 by McCall (Duncan)

DIGEST:	HB 3175 would have authorized the comptroller to transfer available cash into general revenue from funds outside the treasury that are under the comptroller's management or custody, other than the Texas Tomorrow Fund. The comptroller would have had to repay to the funds the same amount transferred and to maintain the funds' equity. Cash transferred into general revenue could not have been included in the comptroller's biennial revenue estimate for appropriation purposes, except to reimburse the funds from which it was transferred. HB 3175, as well as a portion of HB 2425, would have appropriated to the comptroller sufficient general revenue to repay funds with interest for any cash transfers made during fiscal 2004-05.
GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETOES:	"I hereby veto House Bill No. 3175, which makes cash management appropriations for state fiscal years 2004 and 2005. I have also used my line-item veto authority to veto a similar provision in Section 122 of House Bill No. 2425. These appropriations exceed the amount necessary at this time to reimburse anticipated borrowing."
RESPONSE:	Neither Rep. Jim Pitts, author of HB 3175, nor Sen. Teel Bivins, the Senate sponsor, had a comment on the veto.
NOTES:	HB 3175 was analyzed in the April 14 <i>Daily Floor Report</i> . HB 2425 was analyzed in Part One of the May 9 <i>Daily Floor Report</i> .